

been involved in the formation of the Morgan Hill Family Center and bringing experts into the Gang Awareness Task Force.

The winner in the Civic Category is Mr. Al Alciati, city of Morgan Hill's chief building official. His expertise and knowledge in the building inspection field is recognized statewide. He has served on the California building officials board of directors and was past president of the Peninsula Chapter for the International Council of Building Officials. Mr. Alciati has also given his time and talents to youth in the community by officiating at football and baseball games, and he has been a longtime member of the Live Oak Boosters Century Club.

The Guglielmo Winery has been selected as the Small Business of the Year. The winery will be celebrating its 70th year in business in Morgan Hill. The Guglielmo Winery has made many contributions to the Morgan Hill community through support of the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, the local Girl and Boy Scouts, and many of the Chamber of Commerce's event through the year. It has been involved with the Santa Clara Valley Winegrowers by serving on the board of directors. The Guglielmo family members consistently donate their time and talents for many community functions and fundraisers.

The Partner in Education Award is presented to the Live Oak Foundation, founded in 1981. The sole purpose of this foundation is to raise funds for the district schools. These funds are used to provide scholarships to graduating students and contribute extra funds for academic programs to all the schools in the area. The foundation operates entirely through volunteers who organize fundraising projects and administer the grants to schools.

The Nob Hill Foods Co. is the recipient of the Chamber's Large Business Award. The Nob Hill Foods Co. was founded by and still run by the Bonfante family of Morgan Hill and Gilroy. The company has 25 stores serving more than 200,000 local customers a week, and employs over 2,200 employees. This company has built its solid reputation from the outstanding customer service they provide. The Bonfante family are recognized as very strong supporters of the schools and non-profit organizations in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and command these people whose commitment and dedication to the community has greatly enriched the Morgan Hill area.

BRONX DISTRICT ATTORNEY ROBERT JOHNSON'S BRAVE STAND AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 15, 1995

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, when New York State reinstated capital punishment on March 7 of this year, the highest ranking law enforcement official in my community, the Bronx, issued the following statement, which I commend to my colleagues' attention.

STATEMENT OF BRONX DISTRICT ATTORNEY

While the law enacted today reinstates the death penalty in New York, far more significant is its feature that permits a sentence of life without parole for the first time in our state's history. Since this law confers upon

me the discretion to seek either sentence, I wish to make my policy clear regarding the exercise of that discretion.

I was raised by loving parents who instilled in me an intense respect for the value and sanctity of human life. As a result, I have devoted my life to the criminal justice system. During more than 20 years in that system, I have seen the devastation inflicted by those guilty of horrible crimes. I have felt the rage and thirst for vengeance which all but consumed the victims and their families. I understand the desire of many of them to "throw the switch" themselves. But I have also personally witnessed the devastation of those wrongfully accused. As an assistant district attorney, I convicted a defendant of intentional murder. He was released after his brother later plead guilty to committing the crime. Would even a brother come forward to save an innocent man if the consequence was death? and if he didn't, who would have been able to "throw the switch" back?

Those familiar with the criminal justice system know that the surest deterrents to crime are the probability of conviction and the certainty of punishment. However, under our system of justice the death penalty neither can nor should be mandatory. Consequently, it is highly uncertain that the penalty actually will be imposed by a jury in a given case, that its application will be fair, that the sentence will be upheld on appeal, that the defendant will be executed and that others will be deterred. Moreover, the price of this uncertainty is enormous given the cost in time and resources of trials and appeals in death penalty cases. Clearly, this money could be better spent on providing more judges and courtrooms so that more defendants could be brought to trial more quickly. The money could also be better spent on valuable and broadly-based crime-fighting and crime prevention programs, including reducing the flow of illegal guns, incarcerating more violent criminals and providing more assistance for crime victims. While these programs may not provide the visceral gratification of the death penalty, they will do a lot more to improve the quality of our lives.

For all of these reasons, while I will exercise my discretion to aggressively pursue life without parole in every appropriate case, it is my present intention not to utilize the death penalty provisions of the statute.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT H. MCCABE: THE EDUCATOR WHO TOOK THE "JUNIOR" OUT OF "JUNIOR COLLEGE"

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 15, 1995

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday Dr. Robert H. McCabe, an outstanding educator and administrator who led Miami-Dade Community College for the past 15 years, announced his retirement.

Throughout his 32 years at Miami-Dade Community College, Dr. McCabe built a tiny institution into the nation's largest and most respected two-year college. Recognized nationally as an innovator in the community college field, Dr. McCabe kept his focus squarely on the students who came to the Miami-Dade Community College to prepare for jobs and a brighter future.

Dr. McCabe believed in quality and results. He instituted changes that reward professors

for success in the classroom instead of for research, higher academic degrees or publishing. He tightened up curriculums and evaluation standards that made more demands on students and revolutionized what courses they took, when they took them and what happened if they didn't succeed. But succeed they did, in extraordinary numbers.

Robert McCabe built bridges to local employers and created business centers to insure that Miami-Dade students would get training in skills that employers need so that graduates could get good jobs. Under his guidance Miami-Dade, through its neighborhood and outreach programs, became the integral part of our community that it is today.

In recognition of the extraordinary impact he has had on education in this country, Dr. McCabe won one of the prestigious MacArthur Foundation "genius grants" that provided him with \$365,000 to spend however he wished. However, the true measure of his distinguished career can best be measured in the achievements and contributions of the tens of thousands of students whose lives he so profoundly touched.

For his tireless and dedicated efforts, I join with our entire community in extending to Dr. Robert McCabe our profound thanks.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to share with my colleagues an editorial on Dr. McCabe that appeared in the *Miami Herald*:

HE GAVE THOUSANDS A CHANCE

In serving Miami-Dade Community College for 32 years—15 as its president—Bob McCabe has left an enduring mark on the South Florida landscape. Now Dr. McCabe, 65, has announced that he'll retire on June 30 to go to work for a group promoting community college innovations nationwide.

The true measure of Dr. McCabe's leadership won't be found in bricks and mortar—although the expansion of this multicampus school's facilities has been phenomenal. Nor will it be found in Miami-Dade's unique endowment—although that, too, is a singular achievement.

Not even Miami-Dade's undisputed reputation as one of the nation's best community colleges captures the full impact of Dr. McCabe's leadership.

No, for that one must look at the thousands of success stories starring ordinary individuals whose extraordinary lives, like Dr. McCabe's, took a detour before they got serious about their education. Their lives and others' are more fulfilled today because MDCC gave them a chance—often when no other institution would—to expand their knowledge, develop their talents, and hone their skills. This community is infinitely richer for their contributions.

How do you top an act like that? You don't. Martin Fine, chairman of Miami-Dade's Board of Trustees, articulated the thoughts of many on Dr. McCabe's retirement and the board's new challenge: "I believe that you can never replace a great leader like Bob McCabe when he retires; you can only attempt to find a worthy successor."

SUSSMAN'S SUCCESS IN SCIENCE

HON. JOHN EDWARD PORTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 15, 1995

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Beverly Sussman of Buffalo